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### Corporate Farm Olympics Take Root at Frying Pan Farm Park

Frying Pan Farm Park in Herndon, VA is currently sowing the seeds for its inaugural Corporate Farm Olympics scheduled for Thursday, October 19, 2006. The Park Authority, in partnership with the Fairfax County Park Foundation (FCPF) and the Friends of Frying Pan Park, is inviting local companies to field teams of six to ten people to participate in this harvest-time fundraising event. Eleven to twelve teams of "farmers-for-a-day" will compete in a series of fun, farm-themed challenges and chores like fence building and a corn field scavenger hunt.

The Corporate Farm Olympics will provide an opportunity for employees to focus on teamwork, solve problems, and strengthen working relationships outside of the office while increasing their sense of ownership in the community and Frying Pan Farm Park. Companies who participate in the event will be helping to preserve open spaces, strengthen park programs, and create more hiking and biking trails through their support of the FCPF.

Frying Pan Farm Park, a cherished community resource, owned and operated by the Fairfax County Park Authority, preserves and interprets a rural community setting for the educational, cultural and recreational enrichment of citizens and visitors. Historical landmarks like the Frying Pan Spring Meeting House and the Old Floris Schoolhouse are both located at the park. Kidwell Farm, which is fully operational, allows visitors to observe the agricultural process.

Companies interested in fielding teams, or simply sponsoring the event should contact Bob Brennan, executive director, Fairfax County Park Foundation, at (703) 324-8581. Volunteers are also invited to lend a hand on the farm during the event.

Frying Pan Park Farm is located at 2709 West Ox Road in Herndon and can be reached by taking Beltway Exit 49 which is Route 66 west to the Route 50 west exit. Follow Route 50 west to a right on the Fairfax County Parkway until it meets West Ox Road. Turn left on West Ox Road and follow to the park entrance on the right.

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